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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Howard Jeffries marries waitress while at college and is disinherited by rich father. Stepmother visits apartments of her old flame, Robert Underwood, to try to prevent him ending his life when pressed by creditors. Howard, visiting Underwood, a former college mate, seeking a job, is asked in the apartments during the interview and as stepmother leaves, Underwood shoots himself. Howard awakens and is arrested and, by police third degree methods, is made to confess to the crime. His wife seeks aid of his family. Goes to see husband at prison. He tells her he is not guilty.

(Continued From Yesterday.)

Judge Brewster stopped and laid down his eyeglasses.
 "Ah, that is precisely the point of view we take in this matter! Now, captain, in the present case, on the night of the confession did you show young Mr. Jeffries the pistol with which he was supposed to have shot Robert Underwood?"

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Capt. Clinton screwed up his eyes as if thinking hard. Then, turning to his sergeant, he said:

"Yes, I think I did. Didn't I, Maloney?"

"Your word is sufficient," said the judge quickly. "Did you hold it up?"

"Think I did."

"Do you know if there was a light shining on it?" asked the judge quickly.

At this point, Dr. Bernstein, who had been an attentive listener, bent eagerly forward. Much depended on Capt. Clinton's answer--perhaps a man's life.

"Don't know--might have been," replied the chief carelessly.

Judge Brewster turned to Dr. Bernstein.

"Were there electric lights on the wall?"

"Yes."

"What difference does that make?" demanded the policeman.

"Quite a little," replied the judge quietly. "The barrel of the revolver was bright--shining steel. From the moment that Howard Jeffries' eyes rested on the shining steel barrel of that revolver he was no longer a conscious personality. As he himself said to his wife: 'They said I did it--and I knew I didn't, but after I looked at

that shining pistol I don't know what I said or did--everything became a blur and a blank.' Now, I may tell you, captain, that this condition fits in every detail the clinical experiences of nerve specialists and the medical experiences of the psychologists. After five hours' constant cross-questioning while in a semi-dazed condition, you impressed on him your own ideas--you extracted from him not the thoughts that were in his own consciousness, but those that were in yours. Is that the scientific fact, doctor?"

"Yes," replied Dr. Bernstein, "the optical captivation of Howard Jeffries' attention makes the whole case complete and clear to the physician."

Capt. Clinton laughed loudly. "Optical captivation is good!" Turning to his sergeant he asked: "What do you think of that, Maloney?"

Sgt. Maloney chuckled. "It's a new one, eh?"

"No, captain--it's a very old one," interrupted the lawyer sternly, "but it's new to us. We're barely on the threshold of the discovery. It certainly explains these other cases, doesn't it?"

"I don't know that it does," objected the captain, shaking his head. "I don't acknowledge."

Judge Brewster sat down. Looking the policeman squarely in the face, he said slowly and deliberately:

"Capt. Clinton, whether you acknowledge it or not, I can prove that you obtained these confessions by means of hypnotic suggestion, and that is a greater crime against society than any the state punishes or pays you to prevent."

The captain laughed and shrugged his shoulders. Indifferently he said: "I guess the boys up at Albany can deal with that question."

"The boys up at Albany," retorted the lawyer, "know as little about the laws of psychology as you do. This will be dealt with at Washington!"

The captain yawned. "I didn't come here to hear about that--you were going to produce the woman who called on Underwood the night of the murder--that was what I came here for--not to hear my methods criticised--where is she?"

"One thing at a time," replied the judge. "First, I wanted to show you that we know Howard Jeffries' confession is untrue. Now we'll take up the other question." Striking a bell on his desk, he added: "This woman can prove that Robert Underwood committed suicide."

"She can, eh?" exclaimed the captain sarcastically. "Maybe she did it herself. Some one did it, that's sure!"

The library door opened and the butler entered.

"Yes, some one did it!" retorted the judge; "we agree there!" To the servant he said: "Ask Mrs. Jeffries, Jr., to come here."

The servant left the room and the captain turned to the judge with a laugh.

"Is she the one? Ha! ha!--that's easy--"

The judge nodded.

"She has promised to produce the missing witness to-night."

"She has, eh?" exclaimed the captain.

Rising quickly from his chair, he crossed the room and talked in an undertone with his sergeant. This new turn in the case seemed to interest him. Meantime Mr. Jeffries, who had followed every phase of the questioning with close attention, left his seat and went over to Judge Brewster.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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IS COUNTY RING GETTING SCARED?

Reported That They See Defeat for Edwards in the Primaries.

Is the backbone of the county ring broken? There is a report on the streets in political circles that the bravos have already conceded the defeat of Peyton J. Edwards for the sheriffalty. Edwards himself is making a strong personal canvass, but it is known that he was not the favorite of all the members of the tribe of officialdom, and his selection pleased only a few. Hall is gaining strength each day and even the Mexican vote on which the "ring" has always counted, is said to be seeing in Hall's direction.

Henry Kelly, political boss, who has been willing away his time amid the blue grass of Kentucky, is becoming restless and fearful of possible defeat, is said to be packing his grip to return to El Paso next week and get into the fray.

HEAVY WAGONS CUT THE PAVING

The soft paving these hot days is being badly cut up by heavily loaded wagons passing over it. It is so soft that the wheels cut into the street paving and leave a permanent mark. The heavy truck of the C. H. Lawrence company passed along Texas street Tuesday afternoon with a load of grain on the wagon which weighed several tons, according to bystanders. Once the wagon was stalled in front of the Toltec club because the horses could not pull the load, and at each hoofbeat a scar would appear in the paving, while the wheels sunk into the soft top coat of the street.

The new Petrolite pavement on the extension of Magoffin avenue from the car barns to the county road is already very badly cut up.

VAN HORN MAN BUYS LAND NEAR EL PASO.

Improvements will be made on Other Property Near the City--General and Personal News Notes.

Van Horn, Tex., June 8.--R. H. Esby, who has returned from Denver, states he stopped in El Paso and looked over 100 acres of valley land. He reports considerable activity in land sales there now since the work on the Elephant Butte dam is to begin at once.

James A. Esby has returned from El Paso, where he has been looking after his valley land with a view of making improvements.

Mrs. Johnny Jones and her two daughters, Mrs. Chambers and Miss Pearl, have gone to Oklahoma, where they expect to make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Turk have returned from their home at Plateau.

Mrs. May Dines, of La Valley, has been here organizing the Woman's American league.

J. S. Mitchell and his bride are in Van Horn for their honeymoon.

J. M. Daugherty of the Figure Two ranch, is feeding 1500 head of cattle.

D. Taylor reports he has been losing some of the Mexico steers on account of it being so dry. Saturday night a rain fell that filled one of his tanks, which will give him immediate relief.

MAIL SHOULD GO TO OFFICE EARLIER.

In This Way Much of It That Falls to Catch the Outgoing Trains Would Get Off on Time.

Superintendent of delivery Gibson, of the postoffice, wishes to find another "dent" to the list he prepared last week for the guidance of the public. The latest one is addressed to the banks and large business houses, which have the habit of sending large bundles of first class matter a few minutes before and sometimes a few minutes after the 20 minute limit fixed for closing the outgoing mails in the evening.

As the mail is to be sent at the station at least 20 minutes before the train is due to leave, the result of the flood of mail at the last minute is to tie up the office and much of the matter which is mailed at the eleven hour does not leave until the following day.

By sending over a part of the mail earlier in the afternoon, the superintendent of delivery says that this trouble could be avoided and the mail sent out the same night it is put in the office. This would allow the clerks to work it before the sacks are closed.

SOLOMONVILLE RANCHERS CUT GRAIN AND ALFALFA.

Large Yield in All Fields--Mountain Rains Increase Supply of River Water--Personal News Notes.

Solomonville, Ariz., June 8.--The big ranchers are cutting grain and hay a large yield.

Dr. J. H. Lacy accompanied his daughter, Miss Florence, back from Globe, Ariz., where she had been visiting for a fortnight.

John Craven, who has come to St. Louis, where he expects to go into the plumber's business.

W. R. Chambers' family is moving into the cottage north of the McAllister home.

Many of the ranchers are nearly through with the second cutting of hay.

Rains in the mountains have made a rise in the river. It has helped with the supply of water for irrigation.

The regular quarterly examination for teachers was held by county superintendent of schools J. A. Woods.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.
 For El Paso and vicinity: Tonight fair; Thursday fair and cooler.
 For New Mexico: Tonight fair; Thursday generally fair and cooler.
 For west Texas: Tonight partly cloudy, cooler in north portion; Thursday fair, cooler except in southeastern portion.

River at El Paso: Height of surface this morning above fixed zero mark: 12.8 feet; this date last year, 12.5 feet.

Temperature.
 Highest temperature at El Paso last 24 hours: 98; lowest last 12 hours: 72. (Temperature taken at 6 a. m. Wednesday.)

FISH BITING AT ALTO.
 Alto N. M., June 8.--G. W. Davenport and son Will, of Tularosa, are here fishing.

C. W. Lane has returned from Chicago, where he was a delegate to the Socialist convention.

John Craven, of Tularosa, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Tully Gilmore.

Mrs. J. V. Tully and children, of Glencoe, N. M., are visiting her mother, Mrs. A. J. Gilmore.

John Linam, who has been visiting his son, Alvis, in Tularosa, has returned home.

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OUR SATURDAY SPECIALS WILL BE BIG BARGAINS---WATCH FOR AD

EL PASO AWAITS THE ORDER OF JUDGE MECHEM TO BUILD ELEPHANT BUTTE DAM

Early Benefits to the Ranchers--El Paso Will Furnish Supplies.

Another week should see the actual work started on the Elephant Butte project. On Monday, June 13, Judge M. C. Mechem will convene court at Socorro, N. M., and the Socorro condemnation case is the first on the docket. With Judge Mechem's affirmation of the findings of the Socorro commission, \$200,000 in good American money will be deposited with the district clerk at Socorro; the information that this last step has been taken will be flashed to Washington, and back will come the order signed by director Newell authorizing the men on the job to begin work.

Dirt will then begin to be moved by the scrapers and dump wagons from the Santa Fe main line, near Engle, to the site of the big impounding reservoir which is to store the life giving waters of the old Rio Grande for the convenience of the ranchers below who have fought the desert and conquered. Before the work on the dam proper can be built, this railroad must be completed, the bridges built, concrete mixers, and tons of machinery set up at the site of the big dam which is to make the Egyptian efforts at dam building seem puny by comparison. Then when everything has been done which must be done before a great project can start, 500 men will man the machines and scatter over the works. The old river of the north will be bypassed around the site of the dam and the first load of concrete foundation will be dumped into the excavation in the river bed out of the silt and sand of the river the magnificent concrete structure will rise to a greater height than El Paso's tallest skyscraper now in course of construction.

Although it will take at least five years to complete the big dam, the valleys of the Rio Grande and the city of the twin valleys will not have to wait that length of time before they derive the benefits which will accrue from the construction of the dam. Starting at next year's low water in the river, the dam will be pushed back to the level above the level of the river bed before the flood waters of the following spring come down from the Colorado mountains. This water will be stored in lake B. M. Hall, submerging hundreds of acres of the land above the dam site.

This water will be the best insurance the farmer can obtain for his crops as its presence there will mean that there will be a water supply when water is needed and crops can then be planted without the water equation entering into the plans for the dry seasons. Water will be insured perpetually for the land of the valleys after the dam has reached the storage stage, and for all practical purposes it will serve its purpose just as well half done as it will when completed.

El Paso will furnish supplies. More fortunate than either of the valleys which will be so greatly benefited by the big dam, El Paso will not have to wait even a day after the order is given to go ahead with the work before reaping direct benefits from the dam. Men will be needed at the dam and these men must be equipped for roughing it in the camps. This equipment will be bought in El Paso. Supplies and food for the workmen will have to be provided and El Paso's merchants will supply these necessities.

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